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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

VOL. V. FEBRUARY—DECEMBER, 1852. No. 48.

Stated Meeting, February 6.

Present, seventeen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Francis G. Smith, jr., M. D., a newly elected member, was presented, and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From Francis G. Smith, jr., dated January 17; from J. Forsyth Meigs, dated Jan. 19; from George W. Eckert, dated Jan. 19; from Edward King, dated Jan. 19; from Charles Henry Davis, dated Washington, Jan. 27; from J. W. Bailey, dated West Point, Jan. 27; and from Alfred Stille, dated Philadelphia, Jan. 29, 1852,—severally acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of the Society:—

From the Zoological Society of London, dated 11 Hanover Square, returning thanks for the Proceedings of this Society, Nos. 43 and 44:—

From the Secretary of l'Ecole des Mines, dated Paris, Sept. 20, 1851, announcing a donation to the Library of the Society:—

From Lieut. M. F. Maury, dated Observatory, Washington, 1852, inviting the co-operation of the Society in a general system of meteorological observations: and—

From Peter A. Browne, Esq., dated Philadelphia, Jan. 30, 1852, offering to exhibit to the Society a collection of fine wools, grown in Saxony, and presented to him by the king of that country.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Bulletin de la Société de Géographie. Quatrième Série. Tome I. Paris. 1851. 8vo.—*From the Geographical Society of Paris.*

Annales des Mines. Quatrième Série. Tome XIX. 2 & 3 livr. de 1851. Paris. 8vo.—*From the Ecole des Mines.*

Minéralogie: Extraits par M. Delesse, du Tome XIX. des Annales des Mines. 1851.—*From M. Delesse.*

Transactions of the Zoological Society of London. Vol. IV. Part 1. London. 1850. 4to.—*From the Society.*

Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London. Nos. 206 to 213 inclusive. London. 1850. 8vo.—*From the same.*

An Inquiry into M. Antoine d'Abbadie's Journey to Kaffa, in the years 1843 and 1844, to discover the Source of the Nile. London. 1851. 8vo:—and

A Summary of Recent Nilotic Discovery. By Charles T. Beke, Ph. D. F. S. A., &c. (Read to Brit. Assoc. at Ipswich, July 4, 1851.) 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History; Dec. 1851. pp. 97 to 128. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Vol. I. No. 1. May, 1851. No. 2, Nov. 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. 3d Series. Vol. XXIII. No. 1. Jan. 1852. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

The African Repository. Vol. XXVIII. No. 2. February, 1852. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Am. Colonization Society.*

Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. New Series. Vol. II. Part 2. Philada. Jan. 1852. 4to.—*From the Academy.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Vol. V. No. 12. Philada. Dec. 1851. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Report of Gen. J. G. Totten, Chief Engineer, on the subject of National Defences. Washington. 1851. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Correspondence in relation to a Universal System of Meteorological Observations, for the Sea as well as for the Land. Washington. 1851. 8vo.—*From Lieut. M. F. Maury.*

The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. IV. No. 7. Jan. 1852. N. York and Philada. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. X. No. 110. February, 1852. Philada. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Managers of the House of Refuge. Philada. 1852. 8vo.—*From James J. Barclay, Esq.*

The Committee to which was referred the Meteorological observations made at Napa-Keang, Loo Choo, by Dr. Bettelheim, made report, recommending the publication of the paper in the Transactions of the Society, which was accordingly ordered.

Mr. Trego announced the decease of Harmar Denny, Esq., of Pittsburg, a member of this Society, who died on the 29th of January last, in the 58th year of his age.

On motion of Prof. Frazer, the communication from Lieut. Maury was referred to a Committee, consisting of Prof. Frazer, Mr. Cresson and Mr. Justice.

On motion of Prof. Frazer, the Secretary was directed to transmit to P. A. Browne, Esq., the thanks of the Society for his offer to exhibit the specimens of fine Saxony wools sent to him by the king of Saxony,—and to inform Mr. Browne that the Society will be happy if he will exhibit them at their rooms on Friday next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

There being in the Cabinet of the Society, a collection of coins and medals, deposited 21st June, 1816, by Mr. David Parish, since deceased, the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. George Parish, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., inquiring of him whether there is any legal representative of the late Mr. David Parish.

New nominations, Nos. 271 and 272 were read.

Stated Meeting, February 20.

Present, thirteen members.

Dr. Patterson, President, in the Chair.

Judge King, a member recently elected, was presented and took his seat.